modified so as to make the vendors also liable and that the working of the new law may be tried for some time before attempting to alter it.

Reply of Government.—The Regulation provides sufficient protection. The responsibility of the licensee cannot be eliminated.

SUBJECT No. 140.

Excise shop rent.

Mr. Lingappa, Chitaldrug municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Formerly toddy contractors were allowed to pay the shop-rent of a month by the 10th of the succeeding month. Now they have to pay the shop-rent within the 20th of the same month. If they pay after the 20th and within the close of the month, they have to pay interest. If they do not pay by the end of the month the shop is liable to be re-sold. This has caused great hardship to the contractors. The old rules may be revived.

Reply of Government.—Not feasible.

SUBJECT No. 141.

Payments of excise revenue to inamdars.

Mr. Madappa, Mysore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Excise Revenue of inam villages has not been paid to inamdars since the year 1897. Though several representations were made in this matter, no action seems to have been taken on the plea that Rule 13 of the rules of 1901 requires to be revised. To collect the amount due to Government from inamdars, coercive measures are adopted. To redress their long-standing grievance Rule 13 may be revised early.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration of Government. Will be expedited.

SUBJECT No. 142.

Leasing out toddy shops.

Messrs. Narayana Setti and Srikantiah, Maddagiri taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Auction sales of toddy shops which are held every year may be abolished, and a system of leasing them out for amounts varying between two fixed limits may be introduced. If this suggestion commends itself, sales may be held once in five years.

Reply of Government.—The experiment of triennial leases now in force in some taluks is under trial.

PUBLIC WORKS.

(*Nos. 143—145*).

SUBJECT No. 143.

Roads.

Messrs. Venkatasubbannachar, Thammiahbhatta and Rama Rao, Tirthahalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As roads have deteriorated, it is prayed that steps may be taken towards restoring them to good condition.

The road between Shimoga and Tirthahalli is in a very bad state. This is due to the use of the traction engine. The Forest Department should be required to contribute towards the repair of the road.

Mr. Channakesaviah.—The 7th to 10th mile section of the Chitaldrug-Holalkere road is now almost impassable.

Reply of Government.—The question of improving the condition of roads is engaging attention. A written representation about the unsatisfactory condition of the particular roads referred to may be sent to the local officers.

SUBJECT NO. 144.

Rates in the Department of Public Works.

Mr. A. Narasimhayya, Malvalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rates in respect of the works executed in the Marahmat Department were prescribed many years ago. Latterly, the prices of food grains and the rate of wages of coolies have risen very high. The execution of the works at the prevailing rates (*i.e.*, prescribed many years ago) will not be very satisfactory. It is therefore requested that the present rates be caused to be revised.

Reply of Government.—Is under consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 145.

Fencing tank bund roads.

Messrs. Gurikar Venkataramana Gowda, Tigalarahalli Timme Gowda and Yejman Narain Setti, Kankanhalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—All roads on tank bunds may be ordered to be fenced as otherwise bullocks shy and cause injury to lives and property.

Reply of Government.—Particular cases in which railings are very urgently required may be brought to the notice of the local officers.

RAILWAYS.

(*Nos. 146-152.*)

SUBJECT NO. 146.

Extension of railways into the malnad.

(1) Messrs. Venkatasubbannachar, Tammiahbhatta and Agumbi Rama Rao, Tirthahalli taluk.

(2) Mr. C. Vamana Rao, Nagar taluk, and

(3) Messrs. Yagaiyana Krishnappa and A. Narasimhaiengar, Sagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed.—

(1) that railway may be introduced into the malnad as early as possible;

(2) that, for the improvement of the malnad, the opening of the proposed railway lines into the malnad taluks of the Shimoga district and of Kadur-Chikmagalur-Mangalore line of the Kadur district may be commenced early;

(3) that for the improvement of the malnad parts, the railway may be extended from Shimoga to Sagar and lines may be opened so as to be useful to Nagar, Tirthahalli and Shikarpur taluks also.

Reply of Government.—A scheme for connecting Shimoga and Tirthahalli by rail has been sanctioned and arrangements are being made to survey the line. The line will be started as soon as the amount of subscriptions promised by the people is collected. Other lines will also be taken up, if similar financial contributions are received.

SUBJECT NO. 147.

Hassan-Mangalore Railway line.

Messrs. M. L. Narasimhachar, Hassan District Board and M. Venkataramiah, Manjarabad taluk.

Summary of discussion.—To afford facilities for easy communication to the seaport to which malnad people suffering from malaria, etc., may often resort for recoupment of their health, and for convenience of our trade with western countries, it is prayed that Government be pleased to consider the desirability of connecting